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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

An Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are filed herewith to extend the response period from November 20, 2001 to December 20, 2001.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as indicated below. A redlined version of the amended paragraphs is attached to this response as Appendix A.

Please replace the claims identified below with the following amended claims:

78. An apparatus as claimed in claim [1] 65, wherein the message capsule is
 2 one of a sequence of message capsules carrying overhead messages.
81. An apparatus as claimed in claim [1] 65, wherein the signature is
 2 generated by hashing the message capsule.
88. An apparatus as claimed in claim [1] 65, wherein the signature is
 2 generated by assigning a value stored in a counter.
91. An apparatus as claimed in claim [1] 65, wherein the message comprises
 2 an overhead message indicative of base station parameters in the wireless communication system.
93. An apparatus as claimed in claim [1] 65, wherein the message comprises
 2 an overhead message indicative of system-wide parameters of the wireless communication system.

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108. An apparatus as claimed in claim [1] 95, wherein the message capsule is
2 one of a sequence of message capsules carrying overhead messages.

111. An apparatus as claimed in claim [1] 95, wherein the signature is
2 generated by hashing the message capsule.

118. An apparatus as claimed in claim [1] 95, wherein the signature is
2 generated by assigning a value stored in a counter.

121. An apparatus as claimed in claim [1] 95, wherein the message comprises
2 an overhead message indicative of base station parameters in the wireless
communication system.

123. An apparatus as claimed in claim [1] 95, wherein the message comprises
2 an overhead message indicative of system-wide parameters of the wireless
communication system.